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DECLARATION OF JAMES P. KRUEGER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

I hereby verify that the following microbial strains are  
publically available.

ATCC 4858  
ATCC 9363  
ATCC 14156  
NRRL 1891  
NRRL 1472

I contacted both the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)  
and the Agricultural Research Service Culture Collection  
(NRRL) through their web sites and by telephone. Both  
depositories verified that each of the above-referenced  
strains are publically available.

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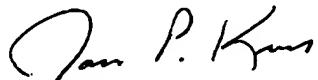
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knowledge are true and that all statements made on information  
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